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Inflammatory Utterances Against Germany Prove Somewhat Embarrassing.

London, Nov. 23.—No one will deny the little Lord Roberts is an excellent soldier who has done his country most excellently well, but it is not his country's service he has come in for much criticism from persons admitted to be level headed. One idea only has predominated in his mind—the conviction that Germany is forever planning to attack the country. A man of his active nature does not permit him to sit down calmly and brood over this impending disaster. Lord Roberts spends his time in the most fruitless endeavors to popularize the idea of a coming attack, rushing from one end of the country to the other and making inflammatory speeches against Germany, which create a bad feeling abroad. Recently he was reproved by the Lord Mayor of London, because he had chosen to make a particularly violent fling speech against Germany at a time when German countess were the honored guests of the city of London.

That the influence of Lord Roberts is powerful in the War Department is evident from the fact, so far not very widely known, that the War Office has been actually reducing the number of the troops encamped at the old military center of Aldershot and concentrated in the Eastern district at Culchester. In a very short time the army will be reduced to a third and the friends and protégés of Lord Roberts, will be placed in command of this military district, which will assume much greater military importance than Aldershot. It will be a very noticeable and not very wise move, since the sole stationed at Harwich, a few miles away, will be greatly increased. It is at this point that Lord Roberts thinks Germany is planning to attack the country, and he desires to conquer the nation.